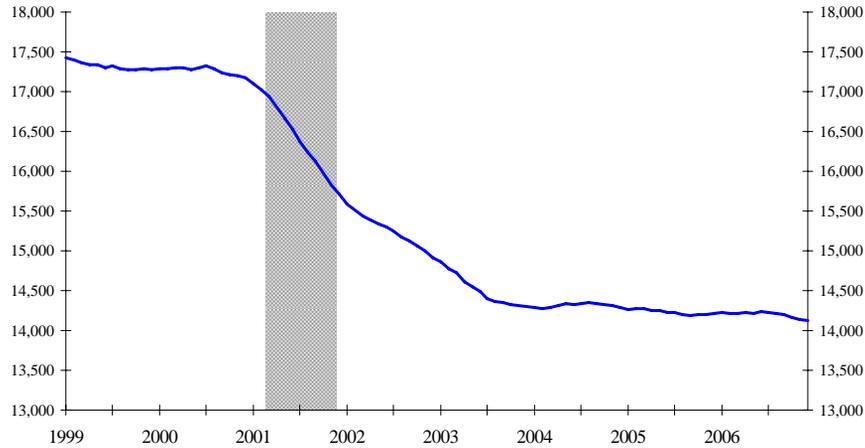


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Employment in thousands



NOTE: Shaded area represents recession. Data are seasonally adjusted.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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- Over the 2001 to 2003 period, manufacturing lost 2.9 million jobs (measured December 2000 to December 2003). Over the 2004 to 2006 period, the number of factory workers edged down by 165,000.
- At 41.1 hours per week in 2006, the factory workweek nearly returned to the 41.3 hour manufacturing workweek that prevailed in 2000 (annual average data).